

Solving linear
systems 2:
Relaxations
and multigrid

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Today's talk:

Solving linear systems II

Relaxations & multigrid

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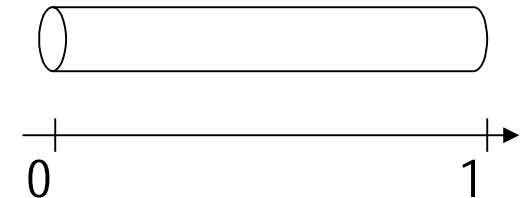
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Introduction - Model problems

Problem 1 Steady-state temperature distribution in 1-D
(for example in a stick)

$$\begin{cases} -u'' + \sigma u = f, & 0 < x < 1, \sigma \geq 0 \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$



Question: How can we solve that problem?
 \Rightarrow Finite difference discretization

$$\begin{cases} \frac{-v_{j-1} + 2v_j - v_{j+1}}{h^2} + \sigma v_j = f_j, & 1 \leq j \leq N-1 \\ v_0 = v_N = 0 \end{cases}$$

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vectorial form of this problem:

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 + \sigma h^2 & -1 & & 0 \\ -1 & & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & & -1 \\ 0 & & -1 & 2 + \sigma h^2 \end{bmatrix}}_{=: A \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1 \times N-1}} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{f}, \quad \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}, \vec{f} \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$$

→ A is tridiagonal, symmetric positive definite (s.p.d.)

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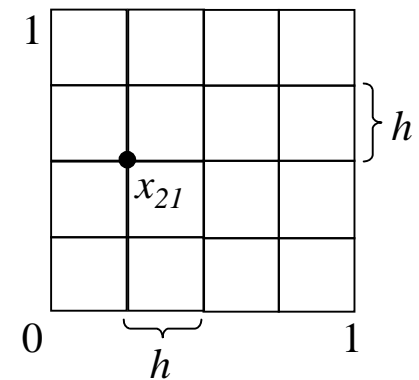
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Problem 2 Poisson's equation (2-D-case)

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u(x, y) = -u_{xx} - u_{yy} = f(x, y) & \text{for } (x, y) \in \Omega := (0,1)^2 \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

Discretizing this equation by finite differences on an equidistant grid with meshsize $h > 0$ results in

$$\begin{cases} \frac{-v_{i-1,j} - v_{i,j-1} + 4v_{ij} - v_{i+1,j} - v_{i,j+1}}{h^2} = f_{ij} & , \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq N-1 \\ v_{ij} = 0 & , \quad i = 0 \vee j = 0 \vee i = N \vee j = N. \end{cases}$$



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vectorial form of this problem:

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A & -E & 0 \\ -E & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & -E \\ 0 & & -E & A \end{bmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1)^2 \times (N-1)^2}} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{f}$$

with $\vec{v}, \vec{f} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1)^2}, E \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1 \times N-1}$ identity matrix,

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ 0 & & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1 \times N-1}$$

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Conclusion

Both problems lead to big sparse linear equation systems

- In special cases like Problem 1, there exist direct solvers with "good" costs (Problem 1: $O(N^2 \log N)$)
 - But: Normally, direct solving is much too expensive for more complicated matrices
- ⇒ this motivates the idea of

iterative/ relaxation solvers for linear equation systems

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Basic iterative solvers

Regard the linear equation system

$$(+)\quad Au = f, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text{ regular}, u \in \mathbb{R}^n, f \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Writing A as $A = D - L - U$, (where D is the diagonal, $-L$ the lower left and $-U$ the upper right part of A), it follows

$$Au = f \Leftrightarrow u = D^{-1}(L + U)u + D^{-1}f.$$

Jacobi-method

Let $v^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be an initial guess as solution for (+). The iteration

$$v^{(i+1)} = P_j v^{(i)} + D^{-1}f \quad \text{with } P_j := D^{-1}(L + U) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

is called Jacobi-method; P_j is the so-called iteration-matrix of this method.

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Weighted/ Damped Jacobi-method

Let $v^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be an initial guess for (+) and let $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ (normally $\omega \in (0,1)$). The following iteration scheme is called weighted or damped Jacobi-method:

$$\begin{aligned} v^* &= P_j v^{(i)} + D^{-1} f \\ v^{(i+1)} &= (1 - \omega) v^{(i)} + \omega v^* \end{aligned}$$

Remarks:

- ω is called weighting factor.
- The iteration-matrix of this method is $P_\omega := (1 - \omega)E + \omega P_j$
→ $v^{(i+1)} = P_\omega v^{(i)} + \omega D^{-1} f$

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Since now: $Au = f \rightarrow u = D^{-1}(L + U)u + D^{-1}f$

New idea: $Au = f \rightarrow u = (D - L)^{-1}Uu + (D - L)^{-1}f$

Gauss-Seidel-Relaxation

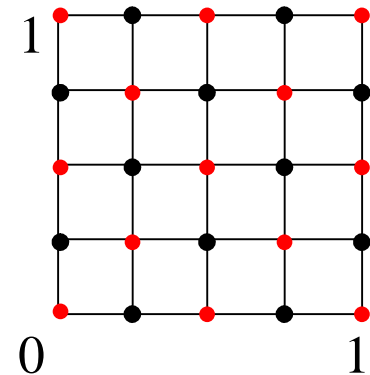
Let $v^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be an initial guess for (+). The following iteration scheme is called Gauss-Seidel-Relaxation:

$$v^{(i+1)} = P_G v^{(i)} + (D - L)^{-1}f,$$

where $P_G := (D - L)^{-1}U$.

Red-black-Gauss-Seidel-Relaxation

- regard the grid of Problem 2
- split that grid into red and black grid points
- the Laplace stencil for one grid point just depends on its direct neighbours
 - do GS-relaxation on grid points v_{2j} first;
 - after that do same update-method to v_{2j+1}



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Difference between Gauss-Seidel- and Jacobi-iteration

Writing the iteration schemes for every single unknown $v_k^{(i+1)}$, we get:

Jacobi:
$$v_k^{(i+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{kk}} \left(f_k - \sum_{\substack{j=1, \\ j \neq k}}^n a_{kj} v_j^{(i)} \right)$$

Gauss-Seidel:
$$v_k^{(i+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{kk}} \left(f_k - \sum_{j>k} a_{kj} v_j^{(i)} - \sum_{j<k} a_{kj} v_j^{(i+1)} \right)$$

- Jacobi-iteration invariant under changing the order of the unknowns
Gauss-Seidel-iteration changes by using a new ordering of the unknowns

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Analysis for the basic solvers

So far, we found some possible iteration methods.

Questions:

- In which cases do they converge to the exact solution?
- How fast do they converge?
- What initial guess for $v^{(0)}$ is preferable?

...

Regard the general iteration scheme $v^{(i+1)} = Pv^{(i)} + g$; let u be the exact solution of $Au = f$ and let $e^{(i)} = u - v^{(i)}$ be the error of the iterated solution in step i to the exact solution u . It holds:

- u exact solution $\Leftrightarrow u = Pu + g$ ($\rightarrow u$ fixpoint)
 \rightarrow Idea: proving convergence by Banach's fixpoint theorem
- $e^{(n)} = Pe^{(n-1)} = \dots = P^n e^{(0)} \Rightarrow \|e^{(n)}\| \leq \|P\|^n \cdot \|e^{(0)}\|$

$$\text{So: } \|P\| < 1 \Rightarrow \|e^{(n)}\| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

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Furthermore, let $\rho(P) := \max_{\lambda \text{ eigenvalue of } P} |\lambda(P)|$ be the spectral radius of P .
Then, it holds:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^n = 0 \iff \rho(P) < 1$$

→ Iteration-method converges, if $\rho(P) < 1$.
 $\rho(P)$ is called convergence factor.

How many iterations do we need to achieve $\|e^{(n)}\| \leq 10^{-d}$
for given $d \in \mathbb{N}$?

$$n \geq -\frac{d}{\log_{10} |\rho(P)|}$$

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Fourier analysis of damped Jacobi-iteration in case of (modified) Problem 1

$$\longrightarrow P_{\omega} = E - \frac{\omega}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & \\ -1 & 2 & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ & & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\longrightarrow \lambda_k(P_{\omega}) = 1 - 2\omega \sin^2\left(\frac{k\pi}{2N}\right) \quad \text{eigenvalues of } P_{\omega},$$

$$w_{k,j} = \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{N}\right) \quad \text{corresponding eigenvectors} \\ \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq N-1, \quad 0 \leq j \leq N$$

Let $e^{(0)}$ be initial error, choose $\omega \in (0,1)$ to guarantee convergence.

→ Write $e^{(0)}$ as linear combination of the eigenvectors

$$e^{(0)} = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} c_k w_k, \quad c_k \in \mathbb{R}$$

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$$\Rightarrow e^{(n)} = P_{\omega}^n e^{(0)} = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} c_k P_{\omega}^n w_k = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} c_k \lambda_k^n w_k$$

Since $\lambda_k = 1 - 2\omega \sin^2\left(\frac{k\pi}{2N}\right)$, it holds:

- For small k ($\longrightarrow 1 \leq k \leq N/2$), λ_k is near to 1 $\Rightarrow \lambda_k^n w_k$ remains big

Since $w_{k,j} = \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{N}\right)$, these components consist of a small number of sine waves

$\longrightarrow w_{k,j}$ are called low-frequency or smooth modes

- For large k ($\longrightarrow N/2 \leq k \leq N-1$), λ_k is very small $\Rightarrow \lambda_k^n w_k$ is very small

Since $w_{k,j} = \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{N}\right)$, these components consist of a large number of sine waves

$\longrightarrow w_{k,j}$ are called high-frequency or oscillatory modes

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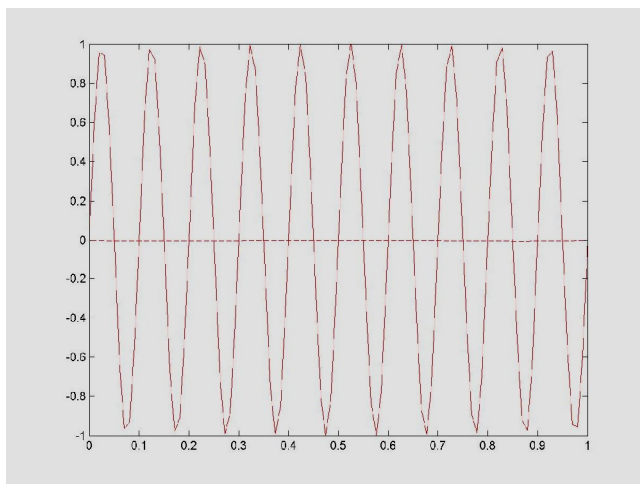
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Thus, it holds:

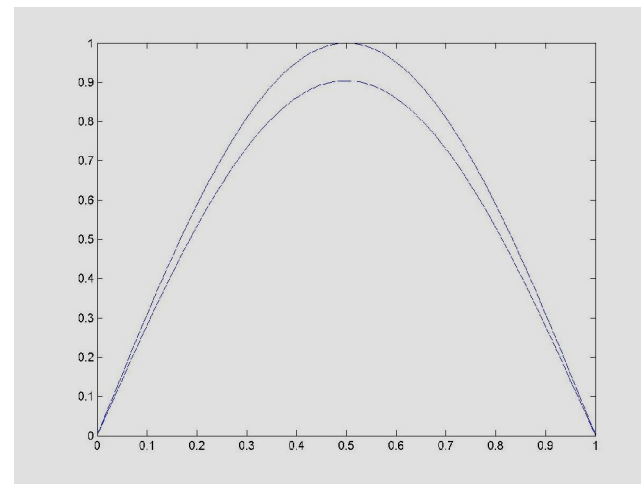
- High-frequency errors are damped very good
- Low-frequency errors are reduced very slowly by iterative methods like Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel etc.

Example:

$-f'' = 0$ on $(0,1)$ \longrightarrow Discretize by FD, take $N = 100$,
 $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ and do 100 iteration steps with Gauss-Seidel-relaxation



$$v^{(0)} = \sin\left(\frac{20\pi}{N-1}\right)$$



$$v^{(0)} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{N-1}\right)$$

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Code example 1

Task:

Write a program "itsolve.cpp" that discretizes the PDE

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= 32\pi^2 \cos(4\pi x) \cos(4\pi y) && \text{on } \Omega := (0,1)^2 \\ u &= \cos(4\pi x) \cos(4\pi y) && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

by finite differences on $\bar{\Omega}$ and solves the discrete problem by different iterative methods.

The program should finally create the file "itsolution.txt" and write there the approximate solution in order to visualize it later.

—————> Let's have a look at the code!

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Multigrid schemes

So far: Relaxation schemes which solve linear equation systems

Disadvantage: No damping of low-frequency components
→ Problem for bad initial guesses

New goal: Improve convergence behaviour/
improve initial guess

Possible strategies: 1) Nested iteration
2) Coarse grid correction

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Strategie 1: Nested iteration

Main idea: Use a coarse grid to obtain a good initial guess for the “original” grid

Iteration scheme

Step 1 Generate very coarse grid
 Set minimal mesh size $h > 0$
 Set tolerance $TOL > 0$ for the error

Step 2 Relax $Au = f$ on current level

Step 3 If (current grid \neq “finest grid”)
 transfer u to a finer grid
 go to step 2
 else
 relax $Au = f$, until it holds
 $\|r\| < TOL$ for the residual $r = f - Av$

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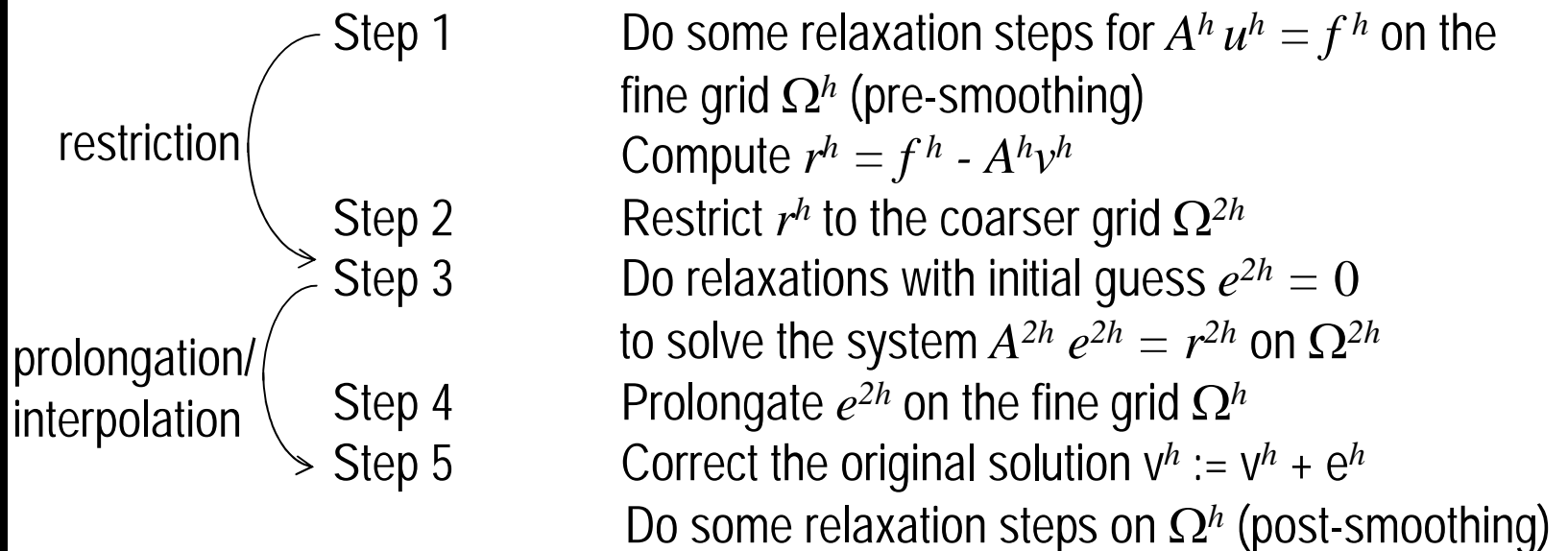
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Strategie 2: Coarse grid correction
(At first: 2-grid-method)

Main idea: Use the residual equation $r = f - Av$ to relax on the error by working on different grid levels

Iteration scheme



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For following discussion:

Given: v^h

Assumptions: Only transfer actions from $\Omega^h \rightarrow \Omega^{2h} \rightarrow \Omega^h$

Question: How to transfer v^h to coarser/finer grid?

Restriction

Two possibilities: 1) Injection
2) Full weighting restriction

1) Injection

Take value of every second grid point

$$v_j^{2h} = v_{2j}^h$$

→ Most easiest way of restriction

But: bad interpretation of fine grid data on the coarse grid

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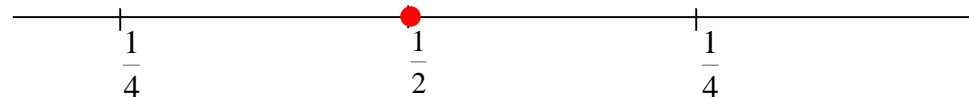
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2) Full weighting restriction

linear restriction operator $\begin{cases} I_h^{2h} : \Omega^h \rightarrow \Omega^{2h} \\ I_h^{2h} v^h = v^{2h} \end{cases}$ with better "properties" than restriction scheme 1)

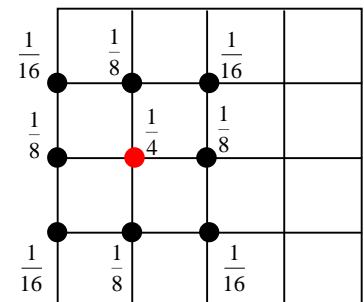
1-D case:

$$v_j^{2h} = \frac{1}{4} (v_{2j-1}^h + 2v_{2j}^h + v_{2j+1}^h) \quad 1 \leq j \leq N/2 - 1$$



2-D case:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{ij}^{2h} = & \frac{1}{16} (v_{2i-1,2j-1}^h + v_{2i-1,2j+1}^h + v_{2i+1,2j-1}^h + v_{2i+1,2j+1}^h) \\ & + \frac{1}{8} (v_{2i,2j-1}^h + v_{2i,2j+1}^h + v_{2i-1,2j}^h + v_{2i+1,2j}^h) \\ & + \frac{1}{4} v_{2i,2j}^h \end{aligned} \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq N/2 - 1$$



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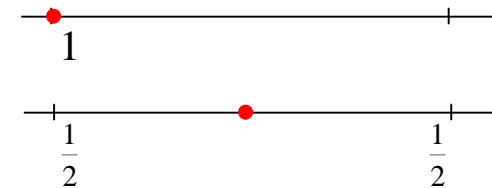
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Prolongation/ Interpolation (also by a linear operator $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_{2h}^h : \Omega^{2h} \rightarrow \Omega^h \\ I_{2h}^h v^{2h} = v^h \end{array} \right\}$)

1-D case:

$$v_{2j}^h = v_j^{2h}$$

$$v_{2j+1}^h = \frac{1}{2}(v_j^{2h} + v_{j+1}^{2h}) \quad 1 \leq j \leq N/2 - 1$$



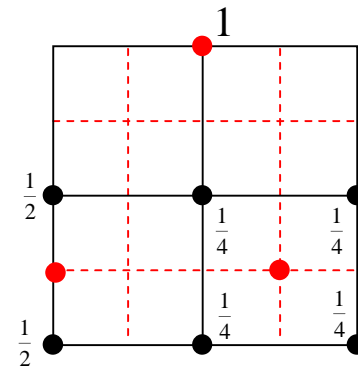
2-D case:

$$v_{2i,2j}^h = v_{ij}^{2h}$$

$$v_{2i,2j+1}^h = \frac{1}{2}(v_{i,j}^{2h} + v_{i,j+1}^{2h})$$

$$v_{2i+1,2j}^h = \frac{1}{2}(v_{i,j}^{2h} + v_{i+1,j}^{2h})$$

$$v_{2i+1,2j+1}^h = \frac{1}{4}(v_{i,j}^{2h} + v_{i+1,j}^{2h} + v_{i,j+1}^{2h} + v_{i+1,j+1}^{2h}) \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq N/2 - 1$$



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So far:

2-grid-algorithm

- Relax on $Au = f$ on Ω^h , calculate $r = f - Av \xrightarrow{\ddot{\smile}}$ not as cheap, but unavoidable
- Restrict r^h on Ω^{2h} by $I_h^{2h} \xrightarrow{\ddot{\smile}}$ cheap costs
- Calculate e^{2h} , from $A^{2h} e^{2h} = r^{2h} \xrightarrow{\ddot{\smile} \ddot{\smile}}$ for higher levels still expensive
- Prolongate the error e^{2h} to the grid Ω^h by $I_{2h}^h \xrightarrow{\ddot{\smile}}$ cheap costs
- Correct original solution $v^h := v^h + e^h \xrightarrow{\ddot{\smile}}$ cheap costs
- Relax again on $Au = f$ on Ω^h

Question: How to solve $A^{2h} e^{2h} = r^{2h}$ in a cheaper way?

→ Idea: Recursively go down/ up more levels
 $\Omega^h \rightarrow \Omega^{2h} \rightarrow \Omega^{4h} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega^{ph} \rightarrow \Omega^{0.5ph} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega^h$

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μ -Cycle scheme (multigrid)

$$v^h \leftarrow M\mu(v^h, f^h)$$

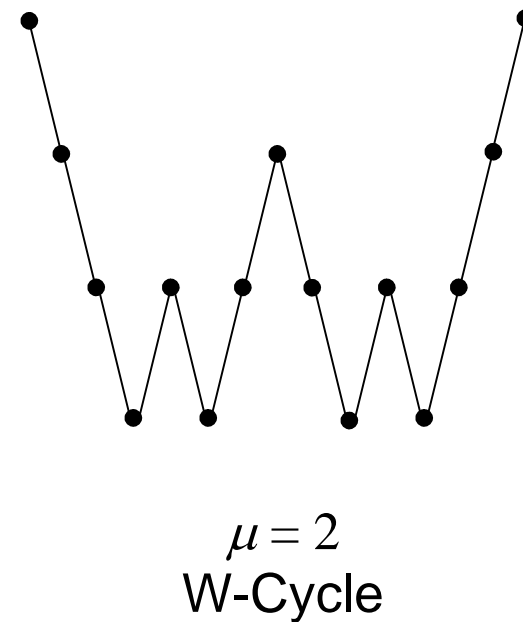
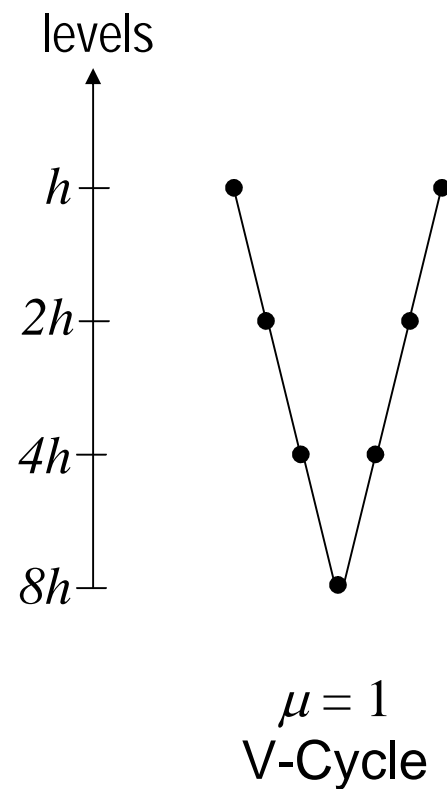
1. Relax ν_1 times on $A^h u^h = f^h$ with a given initial guess v^h (pre-smoothing)
2. If $\Omega^h =$ coarsest grid, then go to 4.
Else $f^{2h} \leftarrow I_h^{2h}(f^h - A^h v^h)$
 $v^{2h} \leftarrow 0$
 $v^{2h} \leftarrow M\mu(v^{2h}, f^{2h}) \quad \mu \text{ times}$
3. Correct $v^h \leftarrow v^h + I_{2h}^h v^{2h}$
4. Relax ν_2 times on $A^h u^h = f^h$ with initial guess v^h (post-smoothing)

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But:

Regard V-Cycle:

Problem: What vector to choose as initial guess?

→ Idea: Combine V-Cycle and nested iteration

Reminder:

Nested iteration

Main idea: Use a coarse grid to obtain a good initial guess for the “original” grid

→

Iterate following scheme:

- Find solution on coarsest grid
- Go to the next finer grid and do one V-cycle

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Full multigrid V-Cycle

Let $v^h \leftarrow MV^h(v^h, f^h)$ be the V-Cycle scheme.

$$v^h \leftarrow FMV^h(v^h, f^h)$$

1. If $\Omega^h =$ coarsest grid, then go to step 3.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Else } f^{2h} &\leftarrow I_h^{2h}(f^h - A^h v^h) \\ v^{2h} &\leftarrow 0 \\ v^{2h} &\leftarrow FMV^{2h}(v^{2h}, f^{2h}).\end{aligned}$$

2. Correct $v^h \leftarrow v^h + I_{2h}^h v^{2h}$.

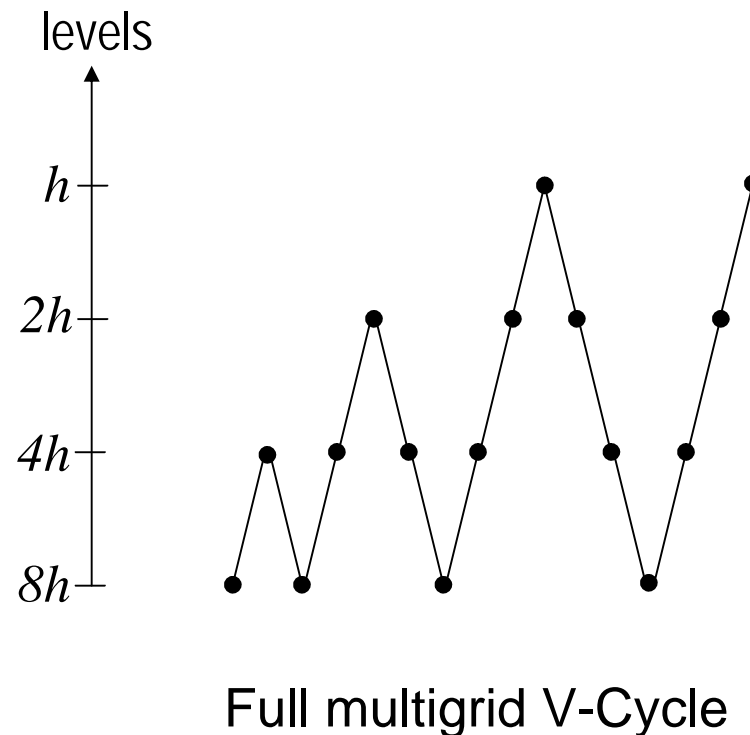
3. $v^h \leftarrow MV^h(v^h, f^h)$ v_0 times.

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Performance of multigrid schemes

How to implement multigrid

- Relaxation, interpolation, restriction can be implemented in individual modules
- As manageable data structure: choose single arrays (for regular grids)
 - Let $\Omega := \left\{ (ih, jh), i, j = 1, \dots, n, h := \frac{1}{n-1} \right\}$ be a grid of the domain $(0,1)^2$
 - create an array $u[]$ of length n^2
point $u(ih, jh) \triangleq u[i \cdot n + j]$
- For each grid: 2 arrays for approximate solution (incl. boundary values) and right-hand side

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Initialisations (V-Cycle)

- set $v^h = \vec{0}, f^{kh} = \vec{0} \ (k > 1)$
- V-Cycle "descends" \longrightarrow solution $v^{kh} = \vec{0}, \ (k > 1)$ is filled by relaxation scheme
 \longrightarrow residual transfer fills right-hand side
- V-Cycle "ascends" \longrightarrow right-hand side is not changed
 \longrightarrow solution is corrected

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Complexity (storage)

- storage cost = $2N^d (1 + 2^{-d} + 2^{-2d} + \dots + 2^{-pd}) < \frac{2N^d}{1 - 2^{-d}}$

Complexity (computational costs)

- introduce work units WU (= cost of performing 1 relaxation sweep on finest grid)
- neglect cost of intergrid operations (ca. 15% - 20% of entire costs)

- V-Cycle ($\nu_1 = \nu_2 = 1$):

→ comp. cost = $2(1 + 2^{-d} + 2^{-2d} + \dots + 2^{-pd}) \text{WU} < \frac{2}{1 - 2^{-d}} \text{WU}$

- FMV-Cycle:

→ comp. cost = $\frac{2}{1 - 2^{-d}} (1 + 2^{-d} + 2^{-2d} + \dots + 2^{-pd}) \text{WU} < \frac{2}{(1 - 2^{-d})^2} \text{WU}$

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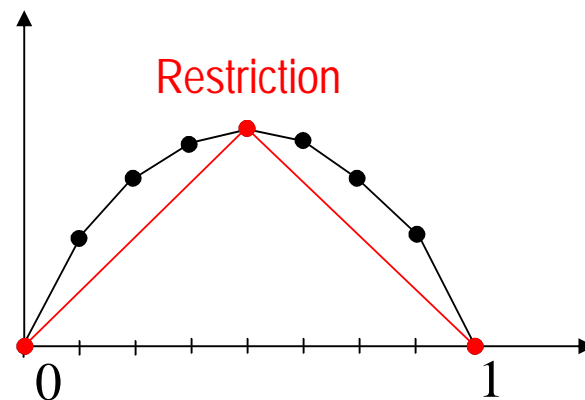
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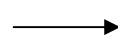
Convergence of multigrid

- Main advantage of multigrid: Regard again $-f'' = 0$ on $(0,1)$

$$f(0) = f(1) = 0$$



→ Turn a low frequency curve on a fine grid into a high frequency curve on a coarser grid



Multigrid improves convergence by improving the behaviour of the relaxation schemes

- In the following: Find conditions for the error $e := \|u - v^h\|$ and the meshsize h

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- Assume, that e shall be smaller than some tolerance ε
 - Idea: Split the error in two parts and require that each part shall be smaller than $\varepsilon/2$:

$$e = \|u - v^h\| \leq \underbrace{\|u - u^h\|}_{\text{discretization error}} + \underbrace{\|u^h - v^h\|}_{\text{algebraic error}} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

- From discretization process, we achieve for the discretization error:

$$E^h := \|u - u^h\| \leq K \cdot h^p, \quad K \in \mathbb{R} \quad \Rightarrow \quad h < h^* = \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2K} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

- Question: How many cycles have to be performed to get the error smaller than the set tolerance?

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- Goal: Reduce algebraic error of $O(1)$ (\rightarrow initial guess) to $O(h^p) = O(N^{-p})$
- Consider a V-Cycle with convergence rate γ (independent from $h!$), and let ν be the needed number of iterations. Then, we get
$$\gamma^\nu = O(N^{-p}) \Rightarrow \nu = O(\log N).$$
- Since the cost of a single V-Cycle is $O(N^d)$, it follows:

Convergence to the level of truncation is achieved by the V-Cycle in $O(N^d \log N)$.
- Consider FMV: before Ω^h -problem is regarded, Ω^{2h} -problem is solved to the level of truncation
 \rightarrow Number of cycles is $\nu = O(1)$,
FMV-cost is $O(N^d)$

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Remarks on V-Cycles and FMV:

- One single FMV costs more than a V-cycle, but it is also probably more effective
- In general: FMV more preferable

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Code example 2

Task (taken from the Assignments of "Simulation and scientific computing II"):

Write a program "mgsolve.cpp" that discretizes the PDE

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= 32\pi^2 \cos(4\pi x) \cos(4\pi y) && \text{on } \Omega := (0,1)^2 \\ u &= \cos(4\pi x) \cos(4\pi y) && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

by finite differences on $\bar{\Omega}$ with $2^l+1 \times 2^l+1$ grid points and solves the discrete problem by V(2,1)-cycles, using l levels and $u = 0$ as initial guess inside the domain. Use full weighting for restriction, (bilinear) interpolation for prolongation and red-black Gauss-Seidel for relaxation. The program should finally create the file "mgsolution.txt" and write there the approximate solution in order to visualize it later.

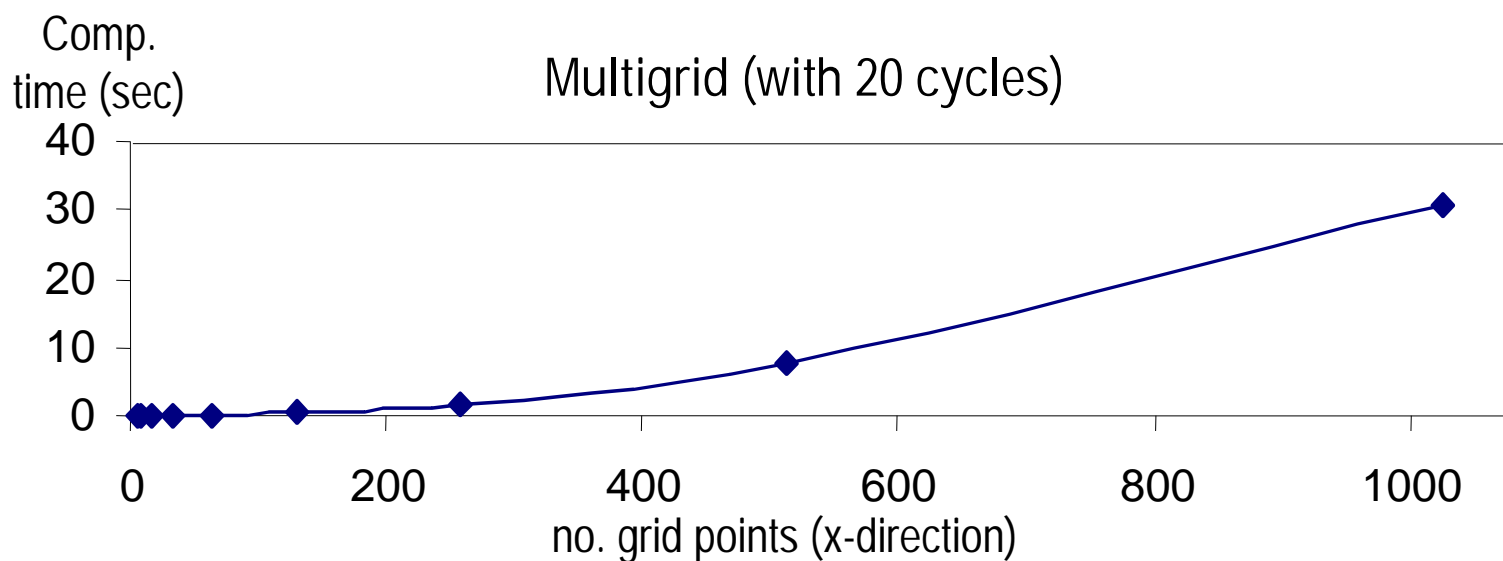
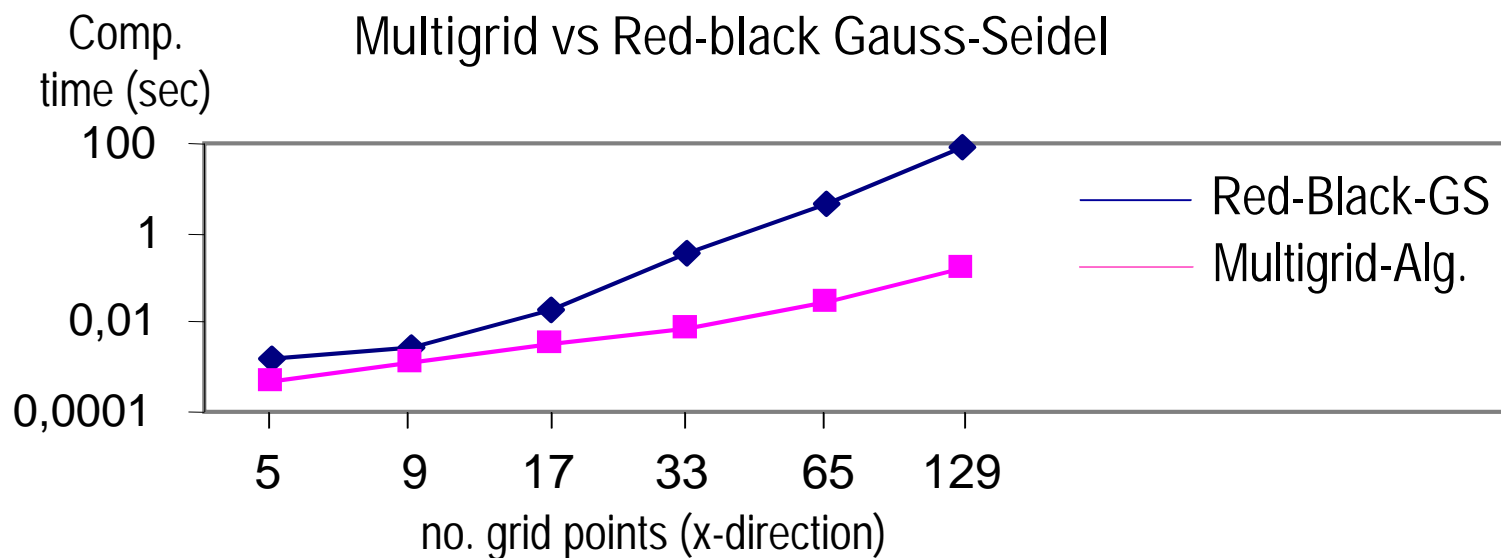
————→ Let's have a look at the code!

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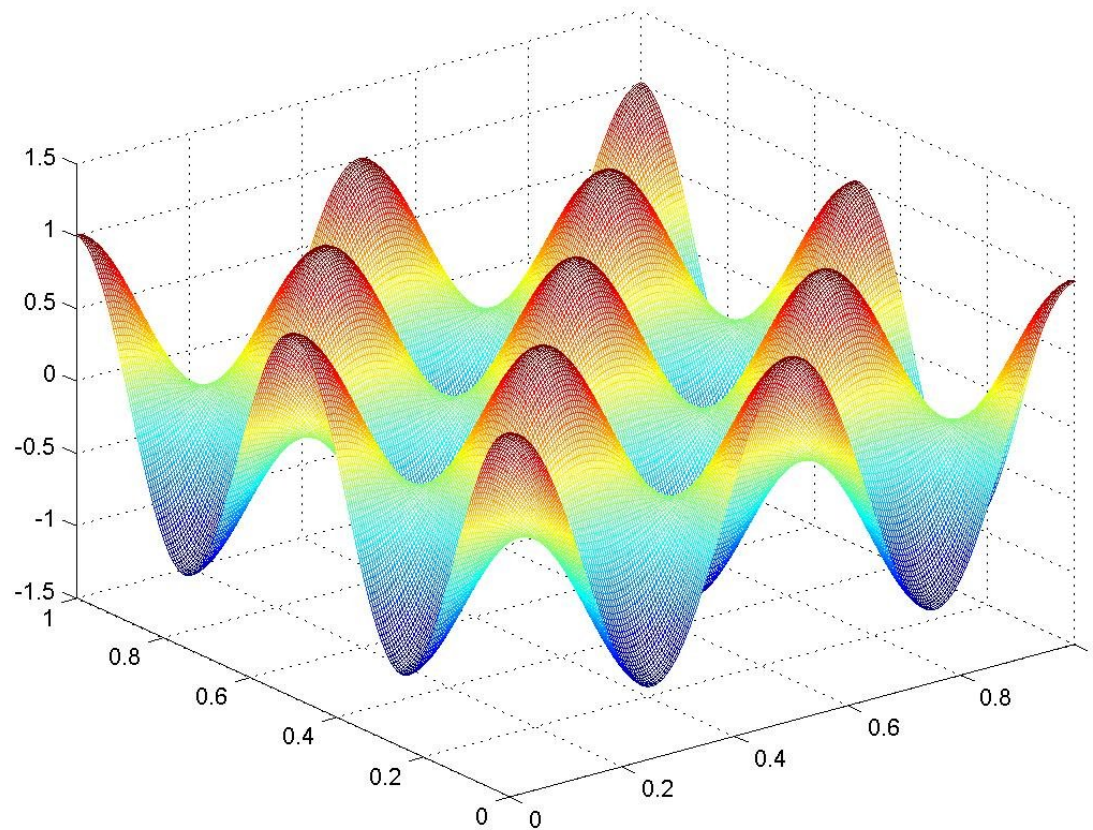
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And the main thing is...



... you get nice coloured pictures!

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That's it!
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